

C. REMARKS

Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-40 will be pending in this application with claims 1, 20, 30, and 36 being independent claims. Support for the claimed subject matter is found throughout the specification. No new matter is being added.

Amendments to the Specification

The Preliminary Amendment updates the CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section and also makes amendments to the TITLE, the ABSTRACT, and the specification to reflect the claimed subject matter.

Amendments to the Claims

The Preliminary Amendment makes amendments to claims 1-7 and adds claims 8-40. Applicant submits that claims 1-40 contain allowable subject matter.

Terminal Disclaimer

Applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer, attached hereto, along with the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) in order to preempt and obviate a non-statutory double patenting rejection over prior U.S. Patent Nos. 6,501,391 and 6,750,786.

D. CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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